Mayor Strauss called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Gregory, Kincannon, Dill, and Karpinski present.

**Motion by Kincannon, which was seconded by Dill,** to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Motion by Kincannon, which was seconded by Gregory,** to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2022, Council meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

***Audience Participation:***

Carson Chlepciak of 106 Middle Avenue in Elyria and his daughter are interested in setting up an event center at Calvin Smith’s property. They would like to use the house as a bed and breakfast. They are looking to lease the property from Smith. The mayor has concerns due to prior infractions that still need to be resolved. Smith would have to move out. The bed and breakfast conditional use permit expired. Mayor Strauss suggested that Chlepciak meet with our engineer to come up with a solution / direction.

Roger Deuley of 221 West Main Street in LaGrange is concerned about drivers speeding, drivers passing folks, drivers being on their telephones, etc., on West Main Street. He was unable to provide time frames or other particulars. Chief Laubenthal will move the electronic speed limit sign over there. We do not have resources to sit there. Fortunately, there have not been traffic crashes in that area.

Sarah Robinson and Kelly Breunig from Keystone High School presented information on the Keystone Kindness Closet. They would like to move the Kindness Closet from Keystone High School to our building. They have limited space and hours at Keystone High School. Gates suggested that we provide them a room on the other side of the gym. A bin could be located in the lobby similar to what is done for the Friends’ of the Library. Council and Solicitor Clark are good with this.

***Mayor’s Report:***

N/A

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal did not have a report.

Gregory asked about the hit and run. The chief spoke with the victim’s mother yesterday. Unfortunately, there were no witnesses. The garage across the street has a camera. Chief Laubenthal narrowed down the year, make, and model of the vehicle. A search warrant has been served to Google for the cell phone activity for the pickup truck involved.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. A letter was sent to Eric McConnell on October 11, 2022, concerning the balance due on the purchase of the 3.34 acres of land.
2. An affidavit was presented to Homer-Miller before this meeting concerning the Tipple default judgment.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. East Prospect Street is open.
2. Bob Hulec is retiring from the wastewater treatment plant this Friday. The EPA came out to inspect our plant along with assisting transferring the operator of record to Hillary Grasse for 30 days until she obtains her wastewater treatment plant class II license. We will contract with a company until Grasse has enough hours to take her class I water test.
3. A second light pole on public square has fallen. Street salt corroded the bolts. We are assessing all of the poles and will have an estimate to repair all poles.
4. The Lions Club asked if we would partner with them and Wreaths Across America to place wreaths on the 130 military gravesites at the LaGrange Cemetery. The wreaths are $15 each. For every 2 wreaths we purchase, they will give us 1 wreath. If we purchase 87 wreaths, we will split the $1,305 cost with the Lions Club, and Wreaths Across America will provide the other 43 wreaths. They are scheduled to place the wreaths on the military gravesites on December 17, 2022. Gregory made a motion to spend up to $655 on the wreaths, which was seconded by Kincannon; 5 yeas; motion passed. Karpinski moved to amend the amount to $750 in case there are more military gravesites than expected, which was seconded by Dill; 5 yeas; motion passed.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. Auditors will be here next week to audit our 2020 and 2021 financials.
2. The AED has been installed. It is located between the zoning and fiscal offices.
3. Gates and Homer-Miller met with Peak Technology on the 5th and will meet with Iler Networking on the 25th.
4. We received health insurance renewal information from our current provider. Homer-Miller asked them to provide another option or 2 for us to consider. She asked which council member(s) will be part of our health insurance selection committee. Kincannon will be involved.
5. This week's meeting packets included
   1. Information on courses available through Public Entities Pool (PEP),
   2. That nominations are open for the 2023 PEP board of directors,
   3. Information on Q4 virtual public records training, and
   4. Liability insurance renewal information.
6. Homer-Miller asked if we should continue our Lorain County Chamber of Commerce membership. Council feels that we should not renew our membership.
7. A representative from the state treasurer’s office confirmed that credit unions are not a banking option for government entities.
8. Columbia Gas / TC Energy right-of-way maintenance will begin soon.

***Old Business:***

Flynn indicated that the hair salon asked about parking at the former Virgil’s building. Gates indicated that the property currently is listed with Howard Hanna.

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2022-2475** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 506, SECTION 507, SECTION 509, AND SECTION 510 OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGRANGE OHIO --- This concerns concrete instead of asphalt streets. This was the first reading.

**Ordinance 2022-2476** --- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE GARLAND COMPANY OF CLEVELAND OHIO IN THE AMOUNT OF $285,804 FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules; Karpinski seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed. **Kincannon motioned to adopt and declare an emergency; Gregory seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2022-980** --- A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR --- **Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules; Dill seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed. **Kincannon motioned to adopt and declare an emergency in order to comply with the due date; Dill seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – The board continues reviewing tournament costs.
2. Planning Commission – A simple lot split was approved.
3. LCIC – N/A

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between September 23, 2022, and October 13, 2022, totaling $182,231.22 per the payment listing provided. **Flynn motioned to accept, which was seconded by Gregory;** 5 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by**

**Gregory;** 5 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kim E. Strauss, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_